



STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
LANSING

May 23, 2022

REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITION

AMANDA SHELTON
Nonpartisan Candidate for 6th Circuit Judge, Non-Incumbent Position

NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 4,000 signatures.

TOTAL FILING: 5,363 signatures.

RESULT OF FACE REVIEW: 5,308 facially valid signatures, 55 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed		5,363
Jurisdiction errors (no city in county known by name given by signer, dual jurisdiction entry, jurisdiction name given by signer does not align with address)	Less:	25
Date errors (no date given by signer, date of birth entered, or date given by signer is later than circulator's date of signing)	Less:	10
Address errors (no street address or rural route given)	Less:	7
Circulator errors (circulator did not sign or date petition, etc.)	Less:	10
Signature errors (no signature or incomplete signature)	Less:	3
TOTAL		5,308

In total, staff's review of Ms. Shelton's petition sheets identified 55 invalid signatures and 5,308 facially valid signatures.

CHALLENGE: Michael Murray submitted a challenge to the nominating petition submitted by Amanda Shelton, in which he alleges that all 584 of her petition sheets are invalid because she identifies the village of Beverly Hills as her "city or township" of residence on her nominating petitions. Alternatively, he asserts that the Qualified Voter File (QVF) identifies Ms. Shelton's residence as Franklin, not Beverly Hills.

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE	NOMINATING PETITION (COUNTYWIDE NONPARTISAN)	The "Countywide" Nonpartisan Petition form may be used by any nonpartisan candidate. Exceptions: the form may not be used by a candidate who seeks a school board position, intermediate school board position, community college trustee position, library board position or a district library board position.
We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the County of <u>Oakland</u> , and State of Michigan, nominate <u>Amanda J. Shelton</u> (Name of Candidate)		
<u>20285 Coryell Drive</u> (Street Address or Rural Route), <u>Beverly Hills</u> (City or Township), as a candidate for the office of <u>Judge of Circuit Court - Regular Term- Non-Incumbent Position</u> (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date)		
<u>6th Circuit Court</u> (District, if any), to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the <u>2nd</u> day of <u>August</u> , 20 <u>22</u> .		

In her response, Ms. Shelton submitted copies of the warranty deed, title to her house, other property transfer documents, mortgage interest statement, driver's license, U.S. Post Office

listing and communications from the IRS—all of which identify Beverly Hills as her place of residence. She argues that the instructions produced by the Bureau¹ include the following with regard to the petition heading: “Enter the candidate’s complete name and street address or rural route, the office sought, the district number (if applicable), and the term expiration date (if applicable).” She argues that entering the address included on state and federal documents, and all documents related to her residence, fulfills this requirement.

Beverly Hills is a village wholly contained within Southfield Township. The Board’s past practice has been to allow villages wholly contained within townships to be identified as the municipality of residence in place of the township name. The Qualified Voter File lists Ms. Shelton’s post office city as Franklin and her township as Southfield Township (as the challenger notes); it also lists her village as Beverly Hills. That, along with submissions of the various local, state, and federal entities that recognize her address as Beverly Hills, is sufficient to overcome the challenge. Staff recommends rejection of the challenge.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Determine petition sufficient.

¹ Circulating and Canvassing Countywide Petition Forms, Nominating and Qualifying Petitions, available at https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/sos/16delrio/SOS_ED105_County_Pet_Form.pdf.